



The Everlasting Flower retains its bloom long after it has died.

A Lasting Legacy

You too can have an 'everlasting' effect on the lives of isolated older people – by remembering Dulwich Helpline in your will.

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Dulwich Helpline provides friendly volunteer support for isolated older people living in south Southwark. We offer practical help (shopping, gardening, odd jobs, transport), befriending, hospital visiting and small group activities.

Many of our users have told us what a huge difference Dulwich Helpline volunteers make to their lives:

"There were two lights at the end of my tunnel, the project co-ordinator and the volunteer. I have been so fortunate in meeting these lovely caring people who helped me enormously through my unhappiness and loneliness in hospital."

Despite the demand for our services, most of our income has to be raised from voluntary sources. This creates constant uncertainty. We cannot make long-term plans for continuing and expanding our services – and with a growing older population, more and more people are finding themselves isolated and alone.

Your legacy to Dulwich Helpline will enable us to sustain and expand our existing services and plan for the future. We will be able to help a greater number of people and develop new services for them.

You can also be confident that you will be helping your *local* community.

Leaving a legacy gift to Dulwich Helpline

Whether or not you decide to leave a legacy to Dulwich Helpline and/or another charity, if you do not make a will at all, there is a real possibility (if no family members survive you) that some or all of your estate will pass to the Crown. When making a will, you will normally consider providing for your family, dependants and friends, and then for charities of your choice.

There are several ways in which you can remember a charity in your will once your loved ones have been considered.

You may for instance want to leave a fixed sum of money to charity. This is known as a pecuniary legacy. If you choose this kind of gift, you need to remember that inflation may reduce its value over time.

You may prefer to make a bequest of the whole or a part of 'the residue' of your estate. That is to say of the remainder left over after making provision for Inheritance Tax, funeral and administration expenses, and for specific legacies and bequests. This is known as a residuary legacy.

If you have already made a will but would now like to leave a gift to Dulwich Helpline, you don't have to start all over again, you can add what is called a codicil to your existing will.

It is important that, if you decide to make a will (or change an existing one), you use a recommended solicitor. You can obtain details of local solicitors from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Book of Remembrance

If you decide that you would like to leave a legacy to Dulwich Helpline, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks here and now.

We will also record your name in our Book of Remembrance.

A Certificate of Thanks will be sent to your executors or family members dealing with your will.



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